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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration
[Docket Number FRA-2012-0050]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has received a request for a waiver of compliance from certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

The Lake Railway LLC (LRY) petitioned FRA for a waiver from the requirements of 49 CFR Section 231.30 regarding their locomotive, LRY #2809, a 1985 EMD Model GP49.

As stated by the petitioner, this locomotive has been in service with the current step arrangement for decades, as it was modified for specific use by its original owner, Alaska Railroad. The current configuration of the front ladder does not present a safety hazard to LRY crews that are regularly assigned to use this locomotive. In summary, the configuration of the front ladder arrangement is equivalent to that for a locomotive built prior to April 1, 1977.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2012-0050) and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

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Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.) at the above facility. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's Web site at http://www.regulations.gov.

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